

The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

1 (Currently amended). A computer implemented method for analyzing survey data,
2 comprising:
3 (a) selecting a subset of members from a population using probability
4 sampling techniques;
5 (b) obtaining survey responses from the members in said subset and storing
6 said results in an electronic database;
7 (c) generating point estimates of at least one population parameter, such as a
8 response to a chosen question in the survey, using a computer processor to compute
9 said point estimates from said survey responses stored in said electronic database;
10 (d) generating confidence bounds for said point estimates using said computer
11 processor;
12 (e) conducting a trend analysis on the point estimates of said at least one
13 populations parameter using said computer processor; and
14 (f) predicting future ~~behavior~~ survey responses of said population based on
15 said trend analysis by calculating a forecast of future values of said population
16 parameter(s) using said computer processor, and
17 wherein said selecting a subset of members from a population step, said
18 obtaining survey responses from the members in said subset step, said generating
19 point estimates of at least one population parameter step, and said generating
20 confidence bounds for said point estimates step are repeated a number of times over
21 regular time intervals.

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2 4 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein said population parameter is one of
3 population mean and population variance.

1 5 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 weighting the survey responses to assign greater importance to responses of
3 preselected respondents.

1 6 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the trend analysis is a regular
2 least square regression or a weighted least square regression performed over a
3 predetermined period of time.

1 7 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein said point estimates are
2 constrained by predetermined amount based on at least one of a set of known
3 characteristics of said population.

1 8 (New). The method of claim 6, wherein said weighted least square regression
2 results are inversely proportional to the variance of point estimates of the population
3 parameter(s) obtained in said generating of point estimates of at least one population
4 parameter steps and generating confidence bounds for said point estimates step.